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SUBJ: ALLEGATIONS OF CIA INVOLVEMENT WITH SPANISH NON-COMMUNIST
POLITICAL GROUPS

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1. MORNING DAILIES "YA", "ABC", AND "ARRIBA" TODAY CARRIED TEXT
OF PSD TELEGRAM (REF B) ADDRESSED TO AMBASSADOR STABLER YESTERDAY.
THEY ALSO REPORT THAT PSD SECGEN ANTONIO GARCIA LOPEZ SENT
SIMILAR TELEGRAM TO INTERIOR MINISTER FRAGA, EMPHASIZING ONCE
AGAIN THAT PSD HAD NEVER RECEIVED ANY FUNDS FROM ANY FOREIGN
INSTITUTION AND CONDEMNING ALLEGATIONS OF CIA INVOLVEMENT, IF
TRUE, AS INTERFERENCE IN SPANISH INTERNAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS.
TELEGRAM TO FRAGA GOES ON TO SAY THAT THESE DEVELOPMENTS DEMON-
STRATE ONCE AGAIN THE NEED TO LEGALIZE POLITICAL PARTIES.
"ARRIBA" POLITICAL COLUMNIST PEDRO RODRIGUES STATES THAT PSD
TELEGRAM TO FRAGA MARKS FIRST TIME AN ILLEGAL SPANISH POLITICAL
"PARTY" HAS SENT A SIGNED MESSAGE TO A MINISTER.

2. COMMENT: THESE PUBLISHED COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PSD MAY
BE FOLLOWED BY SIMILAR COMMUNICATIONS BY OTHER POLITICAL
GROUPS AND BY CONSIDERABLE FURTHER PRESS PLAY. THE
SPANISH GOVT MAY FEEL CALLED UPON TO MAKE A STATEMENT, AND
ALSO MAY ASK THE EMBASSY FOR AT LEAST PRIVATE CONFIRMATION
THAT THERE IS NO CIA FINANCING OF POLITICAL PARTIES IN
SPAIN. FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE HERE, IT OBVIOUSLY WOULD BE
GOOD FOR THE EMBASSY TO BE ABLE TO MAKE A PUBLIC STATEMENT
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TO THAT EFFECT. PERHAPS THE DEGREE OF PRESS LEAKS ON CIA

ACTIVITIES ELSEWHERE NOW MAKE THIS A VIABLE OPTION FROM THE GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE. WE WILL, HOWEVER, STICK TO THE PUBLIC ON NO COMMENT POSITION UNLESS OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED. I WOULD HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT WE WOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO CONFIRM TO THE SPANISH GOVT PRIVATELY THAT THERE IS NO CIA FUNDING OF SPANISH POLITICAL PARTIES, AND TO ENCOURAGE THE SPANISH GOVT TO MAKE ITS OWN STATEMENT THAT THERE IS NONE.

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